

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 24, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claim 41 is rejected and claims 1, 5-18, 24-28, 32-40, and 42-49 are allowed.

Claims 1, 6-18, 24-28, 32-40, and 42-49 remain pending in the application after entry of this response. Claim 41 has been canceled without prejudice.

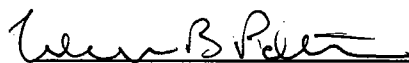
Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Cochran* (US 3,151,681). Claim 41 has been canceled. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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